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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TWB-204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, WC Docket No. 96-45;
1998 Biennial Regulatory Review – Streamlined Contributor Reporting
Requirements Associated with Administration of Telecommunications Relay Service,
North American Numbering Plan, Local Number Portability, and Universal Service
Support Mechanisms, WC Docket No. 98-171;
Telecommunications Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities,
and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, WC Docket No. 90-571;
Administration of the North American Numbering Plan and North American
Numbering Plan Cost Recovery Contribution Factor and Fund Size, WC Docket No.
92-237, NSD FileNo. L-00-72;
Number Resource Optimization, WC Docket No. 99-200;
Telephone Number Portability, WC Docket No. 95-116;
Truth-in-Billing and Billing Format, WC Docket No. 98-170

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Robert Quinn had a telephone conversation with Daniel Gonzalez, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Martin. As part of that conversation, they discussed the petition filed by AT&T for a waiver from those provisions of the Commission's Universal Service Fund ("USF") rules that require adjustments to carriers' first quarter 2003 revenue projections to be submitted not later than March 20, 2003, so as to eliminate the effect of a first quarter 2003 projection error in the annual true-up process.

Mr. Quinn explained that the forecasting error had no impact whatsoever on the setting of the first quarter 2003 USF contribution factor, nor on AT&T's USF contribution for that period, which were based on historical revenues through that quarter. Mr. Quinn also reiterated that

granting the waiver is necessary to ameliorate the unanticipated effect of the rule which would unfairly penalize carriers that realized greater revenues in the first quarter 2003 than they had projected.

One electronic copy of this Notice is being submitted to the Secretary of the FCC in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Amy L. Alvarez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "A" and a long, sweeping tail that loops around the bottom right.